

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) A surgical drill guide assembly comprising:

an outer stem having a bore and a longitudinal axis;

at least one drill guiding barrel having a passageway, the passageway having a predetermined trajectory, the predetermined trajectory being at a substantially fixed angle with respect to the outer stem, the at least one drill guiding barrel being attached to the outer stem and configured to receive and guide a surgical drill bit, wherein the at least one drill guiding barrel is movably attached to the outer stem such that the fixed angle of the drill guiding barrel remains constant throughout movement of the drill guiding barrel about the outer stem;

a rod at least partially disposed in the bore and releasably attached to both the outer stem and a bone plate; and

a release mechanism for securing the outer stem to the rod, wherein the drill guide barrel pivots about a hinge on the stem.

14-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) A surgical drill guide assembly comprising:

an outer stem having a first longitudinal axis;

a drill guiding barrel configured to receive and guide a surgical drill bit, the drill guiding

barrel being pivotably attached to the outer stem, the drill guiding barrel being pivotable about an axis of rotation disposed outside of the outer stem and substantially parallel to the first longitudinal axis; and
a rod releasably secured to the outer stem.

26. (Previously Presented) The surgical drill guide assembly of claim 25, wherein the drill guiding barrel has a depth stop for preventing a drill bit from exceeding a pre-determined depth.

27. (Previously Presented) The surgical drill guide assembly of claim 25, wherein the drill guiding barrel is attached to the outer stem by a hinge.

28-37. (Canceled)

38. (Previously Presented) The surgical drill guide assembly of claim 13, further comprising a tab attached to outer stem, wherein the tab has a horizontal section and a vertical section.

39. (Previously Presented) The surgical drill guide assembly of claim 38, wherein the tab includes a pin for receiving the drill guide barrel so that the drill guide barrel is axially moveable with respect to the pin and pivotable about the pin.

40. (Previously Presented) The surgical drill guide assembly of claim 39, wherein the at least a portion of the drill guide barrel is sized and configured to be seated on the horizontal section of the tab and wherein the drill guide barrel is pivotable by axially moving the drill guide barrel with respect to the tab so that the drill guide barrel clears the vertical section of the tab.

41. (Canceled)